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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: VCI Paper

1. Attached is some material of whose existence you should be aware. The basic memo on the VCI was prepared largely by OCI and coordinated with and by all the brethren. I sent it to Whitehouse (acting for Sullivan) on 4 June with the attached transmittal note. I have also sent copies of our draft to Wayne Smith and to Tom Latimer.
2. The audience reaction has been uniformly favorable, which is not surprising since the memo is indeed a first class piece of work. Charlie Whitehouse sent me the appended note. The JCS reps on the Sullivan Committee told me today (8 June) that they thought it a splendid paper and Sullivan said it was the best thing on the VCI he had ever read. Wayne Smith also told me after the 7 June SRG that he had found it extremely well done and very useful.
3. The plan is that Sullivan will forward it to Kissinger as the Ad Hoc Committee's submission with the notation that the paper was essentially prepared by the Agency. We are now working on the companion piece which will outline what ought to be done in the police and security field to cope with the continuing and serious problems that this paper describes.

  
George A. Carver, Jr.  
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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June 5, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CARVER

George:

Your assessment of the VC Infrastructure was a splendid piece of work -- and well worth waiting for! As you may imagine, I read the portion on MR-3 with keen interest and was delighted (and surprised) to see what a good job your boys had done. I also thought that the first part of the paper was thoughtful and well-presented. Not many bouquets are handed out by the Ad Hoc Committee, but you all deserve one for this paper.

*Charlie*  
Charles S. Whitehouse

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR


4 June 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Charles S. Whitehouse  
Acting Chairman  
NSC Ad Hoc Committee on Vietnam

SUBJECT : VC Infrastructure Assessment

1. Attached for your consideration is a draft paper entitled "The Viet Cong Infrastructure: Its Status and Effectiveness," prepared by the Agency at Mr. Sullivan's request to serve as a basis for the infrastructure analysis with which the ad hoc committee was tasked in Dr. Kissinger's memorandum of 18 April. This submission, in effect, outlines the problem and present prospects. We are preparing a separate paper which will address the issue of allied counter-VC programs and offer suggestions for program modifications.

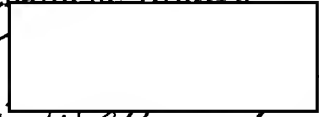
2. I am also sending copies of this draft to our colleagues on the committee as noted below.

  
George A. Carver, Jr.

Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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